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CONSTRUCTION FUNDS IN JEOPARDY

After nearly two months bargaining over the Tax Adjustment Act of 1968 (HR 15414), House and Senate Conferees agreed on a 10% surtax and a \$6 billion reduction in Federal spending. The compromise bill will be renamed the Revenue and Expenditure Control Act of 1968. In view of the Administration's policy of giving priority to people rather than things it is expected that in the Library Services Construction Act Program Title II, Construction, will bear the brunt of the cut. The 1968 allotment for construction for South Carolina was reduced by \$117,910 and further reduction in the 1969 budget for library programs is probable.

No official action on these anticipated reductions has yet been taken. The ALA Washington Newsletter, May 28, 1968, however, warns that such reductions are indicated.

THANKS DUE LEGISLATORS

On May 30, Governor Robert E. McNair signed the General Appropriation Bill, the result of the Conference Committee Report on which the Senate and House had concurred.

South Carolina Public Libraries fared unusually well in this year's legislation.

The appropriation for the State Library Board was \$598,524, which included 20¢ per capita for State Aid. The Trustees Section, SCLA, of which Frank Nolen of Florence is chairman, decided last fall not to press for the 5¢ increase in State Aid until the 1969 Session of the Legislature.

The 1962 Code of Laws was amended to exempt from the 3% sales tax, books sold to legally established public supported state, county and/or regional libraries which are open to the public without charge. This will mean that at least \$20,000 more will be available for the purchase of books next year.

Another amendment to the Code provides for the free distribution of the Legislative Manual to South Carolina Public Libraries.

Please thank in person, by letter or telephone the members of your legislative delegation for their support of this favorable legislation.

"GUIDE" PRAISED IN LIBRARY QUARTERLY

The April 1968 issue of The Library Quarterly carries a review by Dr. A. F. Kuhlman of Research Materials in South Carolina: A Guide. After an in depth review of the Guide, Dr. Kuhlman concludes: ". . . here we have a new landmark in bibliographical control over a wealth of private resource material. It should greatly reduce time-wasting searching by reference librarians, students, and scholars; facilitate interlibrary loans; and substantially increase productive research."

Dr. Kuhlman is Director Emeritus of the Joint University Libraries, Nashville.

The Guide was compiled and edited by Dr. John Hammond Moore under the sponsorship of the State Library Board with the cooperation of the South Carolina Library Association.

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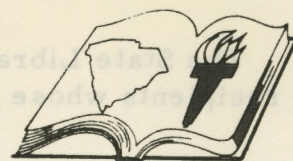
SCHOLARSHIP GRADUATE RETURNS TO SOUTH CAROLINA

Thomas H. Stork, a recent graduate of the University of Michigan Library School, began work as reference librarian at the Florence County Library on May 6th. Mr. Stork is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and was an officer in the United States Air Force before entering library school. Mr. Stork was the 29th individual to attend graduate library school under the auspices of the State Library Board's scholarship programs. Of this number, 23 are currently employed in South Carolina public and academic libraries.

Mr. Stork will attend an institute on Government Publications, July 29-August 16 at Emory University's Division of Librarianship. The Institute will be conducted under a grant from the U. S. Office of Education, Title II-B Higher Education Act of 1965. Mr. Stork is one of twenty accepted from 65 applicants.

Continuing in the series "Our Library Leadership", this month's story features the Oconee County Library.

Our Library Leadership...



Construction of the new Seneca Branch is the big news in Oconee County. The new building, almost finished, was made possible through local funds and a federal construction grant administered by the State Library Board. The building, designed by Craig and Gauden, Architects, of Greenville will be part of the new Seneca Civic Center and is being constructed to meet the projected needs of the Seneca community for the next 20 years.

The 4500 square foot plan calls for a large foyer which will allow one person to visually supervise all areas of the library. A small meeting room will be accessible from the outside without entrance through the main library area. The building will be of a modern design with large windows covering the front area.

The main library in Walhalla has grown from its one-room beginnings less than 20 years ago to its present size (a converted gymnasium building) plus branch locations and a bookmobile.

Miss Louise Marcum, a native of Easley, South Carolina, has been with the Oconee County Library as head librarian since 1965. Miss Marcum attended Furman University and after her graduation, taught school in Anderson, South Carolina. As a recipient of a South Carolina State Library Board graduate scholarship, she received her Masters Degree in Library Science from Louisiana State University.

Active in community affairs, Miss Marcum has served as director of both the Pilot Club and the Blue Ridge Art Association. She also teaches night classes in art in Walhalla and Anderson.

Mrs. W. R. Ballenger has served as chairman of the Oconee County Library Board of Trustees since July, 1966. She has been an active member of the Board since 1953 and has previously served as treasurer and as secretary.

A native of Seneca, Mrs. Ballenger attended Coker College and the University of South Carolina. Her hobby is painting and she is a member of the Blue Ridge Art Association as well as the Once-A-Week Club, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Seneca Garden Club, and the Altar Guild of the Episcopal Church.

SLB SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The State Library Board has awarded six scholarships for graduate study. The six recipients whose scholarships have been given final approval include:

Salley Berry, a May graduate of Winthrop College, who is being sponsored by the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library. Salley is a resident of Columbia, has worked several summers at the Richland County Public Library, and will enter the Emory University Division of Librarianship in September.

Linda Lou Justus, who will be sponsored by the Spartanburg County Library in which she interned in the summer of 1967. Linda is a resident of Spartanburg and will attend the University of Michigan Library School beginning in August.

Rhetta Jean Metelli, of Monroe, North Carolina, who is a graduate of Western Carolina University. Miss Metelli will attend the Graduate School of Library Service, Rutgers University and will return as librarian of the Fairfield County Library. She has worked as a student and library assistant in both college and public libraries in North Carolina.

Laurie Viggiano is being sponsored by the State Library Board. Laurie will graduate from Newberry College in May and enter the Library School of Louisiana State University in June. She is a resident of Columbia, and was an intern at Richland County Public Library in 1967.

Barratt Wilkins, also sponsored by the State Library Board, is a graduate of Emory University and of Georgia State College. Mr. Wilkins interned in the Florence County Library during the spring and will enter the University of Wisconsin in June. While at Florence, Mr. Wilkins compiled an annotated bibliography of research material on Florence County and made a survey of the use made of the periodical collection and the needs unmet by the collection.

Sarah Legare Stevens, a College of Charleston graduate who has done graduate work at the University of Virginia, has been awarded an SLB scholarship and will enter the School of Library and Information Service of the University of Maryland in September under the sponsorship of the Florence County Library. Miss Stevens is interning at the Charleston County Library this summer.

TWENTY TO ATTEND SUMMER SCHOOL

For the eighth consecutive year the State Library Board will provide scholarships for pre-professional library employees to attend summer sessions or workshops of colleges offering courses in librarianship at the undergraduate level. Twenty staff members will receive grants under the program which was originated in 1961 for the purpose of improving public library service by increasing the professional competence of individual staff members. In 1961 and 1962, three special workshops were conducted at Winthrop College for the State Library Board, and 56 staff members participated. Since 1963 scholarship recipients have attended the regular summer sessions and workshops of colleges offering library science programs. By the end of summer 136 librarians will have attended sessions on SLB scholarships. Of this number, 68 attended workshops at Columbia College, and the remainder attended the summer sessions at Winthrop College, East Carolina, Appalachian, South Carolina State, and Furman University.

Scholarship recipients for 1968 are:

Mrs. Grace Marshburn, Mrs. Nancy C. Mims, Mrs. Robbie W. Gross, Mrs. Thelma B. Murtha, Mrs. Maude S. Rice, Mrs. Esther H. Mobley, and Mrs. Maurine Lackey all of ABBE Regional; Mrs. Griselda Bowden, AHJ; Miss Lynette Guerrey, Berkeley; Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Chester; Mrs. Mary Young and Mrs. Mary S. Tarleton, Florence; Mrs. Lois Ann Causey, Mrs. Marjorie H. Turbeville, and Mrs. Peggy Long of Horry; Mrs. E. H. Brown, Sr., Lee; Mrs. Martha M. Myers, Marlboro; Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter, Pickens; Mrs. Ella Adams, Pickens; and Mrs. Ruth R. Mayer, Charleston.

SUMTER BUILDING DEDICATED

Ramon Schwartz, Jr., Chairman of the Sumter County Library Board of Trustees delivered the main address at the dedication, May 7, 1968, of the recently completed Sumter County Library building.

Harry E. Wilkinson, Jr., President of the National Bank of South Carolina and the Downtown Sumter Improvement Association was master of ceremonies. Mr. Wilkinson introduced Chapman J. Milling III, Librarian, Sumter County Library who introduced the distinguished guests, the board of trustees and the library staff and spoke on the significance of the library. Mr. Milling introduced Estellene P. Walker, Director of the State Library Board, who also represented Governor Robert E. McNair. She spoke briefly on the progress of the library and complimented Sumter County on its new library building. Mr. Wilkinson then presented Dr. Odell R. Reuben, Morris College and Dr. Sam M. Willis, Director, Clemson University at Sumter, who outlined the importance of increased and improved public library services to their students.

After the prayer of dedication, guests were invited to tour the library.

The All District Band from Sumter School District II, F. D. Gravill, Director, presented selections prior to and after the exercises.

Sumter's was the first library building partially constructed with LSCA funds to be completed. The total construction cost was \$317,679. Of this \$100,000 was a LSCA construction grant.

WILLIAMSBURG CONTRACT EXTENDED

On May 23 Estellene Walker and Betty Callaham met with the Williamsburg County Library Board to review the Small Libraries Project begun on March 1. Mrs. Marguerite Thompson and Libby Patton represented the Florence County Library which has contracted to provide professional supervision and bookmobile service for the Williamsburg County Library. Reports revealed that in the preceding three months, more than 2,000 volumes from the library's book collection have been rebound, some \$5,200 worth of new titles have been ordered, basic equipment has been purchased, and work has begun on the development of desirable routines and procedures. Bookmobile stops have been established in the towns of Hemingway and Greeleyville, and registration and circulation are growing rapidly. The Library Board representatives expressed their approval of the progress to date and voted to renew the contract for the Small Libraries Project for another year. During 1968-69 the library will have an income from local and grant funds of \$20,186.

MC CORMICK LIBRARY BOARD PREPARES FOR SERVICE

On May 20, the newly appointed library board of McCormick County Library met to plan for the development of library service in the county. Estellene Walker and Betty Callaham represented the State Library Board at the meeting. It was announced that the Homemaker's Council of McCormick County has voted to turn over its book collection and library property to provide the nucleus of the headquarters library for the county system. The financial and service needs of the new library system were discussed, and the State Library Board was requested to explore the possibility of contracting for bookmobile service from a neighboring county.

Officers of the Library Board are W.M. Schumpert, Chairman, and Mrs. N.S. Richardson, Jr., Secretary. Other board members are Mrs. D.J. McAllister, Mrs. A.H. McKenney, and Helen Brown.

PROPOSALS FOR TRICENTENNIAL PARTICIPATION SUBMITTED

On May 25, 1968, the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Library Association approved and transmitted to the Tricentennial Commission a request for funds to finance three projects which would constitute the major contribution of South Carolina libraries to the State's Tricentennial celebration. The projects proposed included the extension of the Carolina Materials Project, originated by the State Library Board, which would place a collection of basic Caroliniana in a library in each county of the state; the writing and publication of a history of South Carolina libraries; and the preparation of a source and guide book, The Rise of Historical South Carolina in the Modern World, to be used in the schools in the state.

Each proposal represents an effort on the part of the South Carolina Library Association to evolve a plan of action through the libraries of the state to enrich the knowledge of the heritage of its citizens. In justification of the proposal, the letter of transmittal from Mrs. H.A. Scott, Jr., President, quoted the noted historian, Ulrich B. Phillips: "In darkness dwells the people which knows its annals not." A grant of \$100,000 was requested to implement the three proposals.

The project proposals were developed by a committee composed of Mrs. Margaret Ehrhardt, J. Mitchell Reames, and Betty E. Callaham, chairman.

ALA IN KANSAS CITY

With the theme of "Libraries Unlimited: Meeting the Challenge of a Dynamic Society," the American Library Association will hold its 87th Annual Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, June 23-29. Some 7,000 librarians and friends of libraries will attend nearly 900 meetings scheduled for the week-long conference.

At the opening general session Sunday evening, June 23, in the Municipal Auditorium Arena, there will be a panel discussion on "Library Services for the Nation's Needs--Implications of the National Advisory Commission on Libraries." Foster E. Mohrhardt, president of the American Library Association, and program officer, Council on Library Resources, will preside.

The incoming president, Roger H. McDonough, director, State Library, Department of Education, Trenton, New Jersey, will deliver his inaugural address at the second general session, Friday evening, June 28, in the Imperial Room, Muehlebach Hotel. Also on that program will be the introduction of new ALA officers, councilors, and executive board members. The nominees for president-elect are William S. Dix, librarian, Princeton University Library, New Jersey and Archie L. McNeal, director of libraries, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida.

The ALA Council, the Association's governing body, will conduct two business meetings, Tuesday, June 25, and Friday, June 28. The Council will hear reports from the President, Executive Director and various committees and boards.

Nearly 400 exhibitors will show their wares--library equipment suppliers, publishers, and library-related organizations.

Estellene P. Walker, Director, Betty E. Callaham and Margie E. Herron will represent the State Library Board at the Conference. Miss Walker, as president of the Association of State Librarians, will preside at meetings of this group.

SYMPATHY TO

Emily Askins on the death of her brother, J. L. , on May 25, 1968. Miss Askins is librarian of the Lake City Branch of the Florence County Library and a member of the county library board.

The family of Shirley Jo Anderson of Burton, South Carolina, who died as a result of an automobile accident May 11, 1968. Miss Anderson, a student at the College of William and Mary, had been accepted as a summer intern in the Beaufort County Library.

Laura Ebaugh on the death of her brother David. Miss Ebaugh is Adult Education Associate at the Greenville County Library.

Mrs. Margaret Seay whose mother died recently. Mrs. Seay is cataloger at the Richland County Public Library.

OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

Mrs. Joe Page is librarian of the Woodruff branch of the Spartanburg County Library.

A profile of Laura S. Ebaugh, Adult Education Associate, Greenville County Library appeared in the Greenville News recently. The article details Miss Ebaugh's previous experience and describes her present endeavors as "a one man army for the library". (Description by a member of the Greenville Library Board).

John Harper, Belvedere, is president of the Nancy Carson Library (ABBE Regional) Board of Directors, succeeding Mrs. Harry Howard.

A new 3,000 volume capacity Moroney bookmobile has been delivered to the Florence County Library. It will be on display at the June 5th meeting of the Florence County Library Board.

Elizabeth L. Porcher, Librarian, Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library Board, is listed in the current edition of Who's Who in American Education.

The Reverend Calvin Chestnutt has been elected chairman of the board of the Hartsville Memorial Library. He succeeds Lamar Caldwell, Jr.

Arthur F. Magill, president of the Greenville Friends of the Library, was the speaker at the May meeting of the Aiken Friends of the Library.

The Omega Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, presented a copy of the 1967 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America to the Aiken County Library. (ABBE Regional Library).

The newly renovated Simpsonville branch of the Greenville County Library was officially opened on May 5. The \$17,000 project was a community effort involving civic clubs and the town council.

Elva Brown, library assistant at Oconee County Library, has been awarded a scholarship to attend the Penland School of Arts at Penland, North Carolina where she will study macramae and ceramics this summer. Miss Brown has been granted a three months leave of absence from the library.

The Friends of the Barnwell County Library (ABBE) sponsored a hobby exhibit at the library May 14-17. In connection with the exhibit, on May 15, Orval Jones of Blackville gave a demonstration of the restoration of old furniture.

Romayne Barnes, member of the Greenville County Library Board and chairman of its building committee, is traveling in Europe with his wife for three weeks.

Miss Jean Galloway, Treasurer, Board of Trustees of the Greenville County Library, is undergoing treatment at the Greenville General Hospital.

Charles Stow, Librarian of the Greenville County Library received a silver bowl at a breakfast meeting of the Greenville Realtors during Realtor Week, in recognition of his part in developing the new library building for Greenville.

Ruth Brown has retired as Head of the Cataloging Department of the Greenville County Library, a position she has held for six years. Mrs. John D. Fitzer, the former Laura Fleming of Laurens, a member of the cataloging staff since December, has been appointed head of the department.

Lists of selected business books in each of the four branches, Mauldin, Greer, Fountain Inn and Travelers Rest of the Greenville County Library have been compiled in the headquarters library for distribution by the branches.

The Lee County Public Library honored their Senior Citizens patrons with a drop-in on May 15, at the Library, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. After refreshments, pamphlets with information from the S.C. Interagency Council on Aging were distributed.

YOUR PROBLEMS

by
Anne Library

Dear Anne:

Will you please give me some of your excellent advice, which I need desperately. I was appointed to our county library board a couple of years ago and I have been gradually going berserk over the conditions. Some of the members have grown gray and senile at their posts. I realize that the present excellent library is a result of their endeavors and devotion over the years (They do, too!) But - they frequently forget or do not bother to come to board meetings and it's difficult to have a quorum and transact business. When they do come they insist on maintaining the status quo - of some 20 years ago.

What can you suggest?

Disturbed

Dear Disturbed:

Examine the act creating your library. It may well be that the trouble lies there. If the act does not provide for established terms of office, talk with your delegation and request their cooperation in amending the provisions. It may be that yours is a self-perpetuating board. I feel that every board should adopt by-laws and include one which requires the automatic resignation of a member who misses a certain number of meetings.

Hope this helps you solve your dilemma.

Anne

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